

## **APPENDIX 2.**

### **Agriculture Cost Share Programs Available in the Lower Boise River Watershed**

## Sources of Funding for Agricultural BMP Implementation

There are several sources of funding for BMP installation, yet very few for individual landowners. Currently, state and federal sources provide the majority of the funding for BMP implementation on private agricultural land within the Lower Boise River Watershed. Some landowners themselves, however, also provide a significant source of funding through the voluntary implementation of BMPs using their own time and money. Through USDA-NRCS, EPA, and Idaho Soil Conservation Commission (ISCC) programs, funding is available to install BMPs on a larger scale within priority watersheds in order to help meet water quality objectives. The available sources of funding for all forms of agricultural BMP implementation are listed below. It is recommended that individual landowners or stakeholders contact the designated agencies for more information on particular programs.

- Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program Grants and/or Loans (RCRDP). State program Finances projects for improving rangeland and riparian areas.

Contact: Idaho Soil Conservation Commission  
PO Box 790  
Boise, ID 83701-0790  
208-332-8650 phone

- Idaho Water Resource Board Financial Programs. State program  
The program assists local governments, water and homeowner associations, nonprofit water companies, canal companies, and irrigation districts with funding for water system infrastructure projects.

Contact: Idaho Water Resource Board  
1301 N. Orchard St.  
Boise, ID 83706  
208-327-5432 phone

- Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA). State program  
The program is available to Conservation Districts in Idaho. The Districts develop grant applications for addressing non-point source agricultural pollution from high priority watersheds.

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Ada Soil and Water Conservation District  
132 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Meridian, ID 83642  
208-888-1890 phone  
  
Canyon Soil Conservation District  
2208 E. Chicago, Suite A  
Caldwell, ID 83605  
208-454-8684 ext. 126 phone

- 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program. State program  
EPA grants administered through the State. Funds are used to prevent nonpoint source pollution.

Contact: Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Watershed Management Bureau  
1410 N. Hilton  
Boise, ID 83706-9208  
208-373-0502 phone

- Habitat Improvement Program (HIP). State program  
Improves waterfowl and upland bird habitat with emphasis on nesting habitat, wetland improvements, shelter, and food.

Contact: Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
600 S. Walnut  
Boise, ID 83712  
208-334-3700 phone

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).** Federal program  
Program designed to reduce soil erosion by encouraging landowners to convert highly erodible cropland to permanent vegetative cover.  
Contacts: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ada County  
132 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Meridian, ID 83642  
208-888-1890 phone  
  
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Canyon County  
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- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).** Federal program  
Provide assistance and funding to eligible landowners to address resource concerns on agricultural land.  
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- **Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).** Federal program  
Program to restore and protect wetlands on private land. A voluntary opportunity for landowners to receive financial incentives to enhance wetlands in exchange for retiring marginal agricultural land.  
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Natural Resources Conservation Service, Canyon County  
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- **Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).** Federal program  
Program to provide landowners with financial incentives to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private lands.  
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- **Partners for Wildlife (Partners).** Federal program  
Program to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on private lands through partnerships.  
Contact: USDI Fish and Wildlife Service  
1387 S. Vinnell Way  
Boise, ID 83709  
208-378-5243 phone

- 8100-Range Improvement Fund. Federal program  
Funds may be used for improving rangeland management conditions, and the implementation of BMPs. The money must be used to benefit management of public lands.

Contact: Bureau of Land Management  
1387 S. Vinnell Way  
Boise, ID 83709  
208-373-4000 phone

- Challenge-Cost Share Funds. Federal program  
Appropriated fund that are made available for projects that must directly benefit fish and wildlife on BLM administered lands.

Contact: Bureau of Land Management  
1387 S. Vinnell Way  
Boise, ID 83709  
208-373-4000 phone

- MARSH Projects. Ducks Unlimited program  
Ducks Unlimited is committed to wetland habitat development in Idaho. Projects are funded on a cost-share basis with cooperators.

Contact: Ducks Unlimited Inc.  
One Waterfowl Way  
Memphis, TN 38120  
901-758-3825 phone

- Pheasants Forever (PF). Pheasants Forever program  
Funding provided to establish or maintain wildlife habitat. Must restore or enhance upland game bird habitat.

Contact: Dave Lockwood  
Boise, ID  
208-378-4371 phone

***After Water Quality BMPs have been installed and certified by qualified personnel, landowners can apply for Idaho State Tax Credit***

- Idaho Riparian Tax Credit (RTC). State program  
Established to enhance water quality and habitat for endangered species. Landowners could receive a one year tax credit for helping the state meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act.

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